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We filed the above-referenced patent application via Express Mail No. EJ 915572786 US on June 5, 2000 and received the filing receipt on July 30, 2000. Because we have not yet received any further correspondence from the Patent Office such as an Office Action, we ask your assistance in verifying the status of this application.

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